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Applicant : Cheree L.B. Stevens et al.
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For : **WATER-DISPERSIBLE COATING COMPOSITION FOR FRIED FOODS AND THE LIKE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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